

HOUSE RESOLUTION 41

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Rufus Jones upon his receipt of the Living Legends Special Honorary Harriet Tubman Conductors Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable individuals who dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Rufus Jones, who received the Living Legends Special Honorary Harriet Tubman Conductors Award in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the good people of the 86<sup>th</sup> House District in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Michigan State University, Mr. Jones dedicated much of his life to serving the interests of his community as a representative in the Tennessee General Assembly from 1981 to 1996; he served as chairman of the Tennessee Black Caucus, the Martin Luther King State Holiday Committee, and the National Conference of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, he has rendered sterling service as a member of the Shelby County Democratic Club; the Memphis, Arkansas & Mississippi Council of Government; and the Southern Education Foundation & Tennessee Task Force on Supply of Minority Teachers; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the president of the Tennessee Black Leadership Roundtable and the Black Merchants Association; he was also a member of the Tennessee Retail Grocers, the Mayor's Advisory Committee, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the Midsouth Fair Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has served on the board of directors of PUSH, the NAACP, the Urban League, the Memphis and Shelby County Board of Adjustment, Goodwill Boys Club, Memphis Museum, Inc., and the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is no stranger to awards, having won the Government Service Special Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and

WHEREAS, Rufus Jones is an exemplary individual; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Rufus Jones upon his receipt of the Living Legends Special Honorary Harriet Tubman Conductors Award, applaud his outstanding community leadership and service provided to the 86<sup>th</sup> House District, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.